

Husband: **JOHN THOMAS SOUTHARD**  
 Born: About 1673 Hempstead, New Netherlands  
 Married: About 1696 Hempstead, Queens County, New York  
 Died: About 1740 Hempstead, Queens County, New York  
 Buried:  
 Father: THOMAS SOUTHARD (1615 – 1688)  
 Mother: ANNICA JANSEN VAN SALEE (~1630 – after 1698)

Wife: **GRACE CARMAN<sup>1</sup>**  
 Born: About 1680 Hempstead, New Netherlands  
 Died: 1726 New York County, New York Colony  
 Buried:  
 Father: CALEB CARMAN JUNIOR (1658– >1700)  
 Mother: ELIZABETH

ISSUE	BORN	WHERE
1. JOHN SOUTHARD, JUNIOR	Late 1696	Hempstead, Queens County, New York
2. <b>JOSEPH SOUTHARD</b>	<b>About 1698</b>	<b>Hempstead, Queens County, New York</b>
3. CALEB SOUTHARD	About 1700	Hempstead, Queens County, New York
4. SOLOMON SOUTHARD	About 1703	Hempstead, Queens County, New York

JOHN SOUTHARD: born about 1663, Hempstead, Queens County, NY; died about 1740; married about 1682 GRACE CARMAN, allegedly at Saint George's Church in Hempstead, though their records do not reflect this marriage.

CALEB CARMAN, a son of JOHN CARMAN, was born on 9 January 1645 (*ns*), and inherited a 180 acre farm adjacent to the SOUTHARD homestead from his father after 1685. He was probably related to GRACE; he is shown here as her father based on very little as the one source making this claim offers no proof and GRACE is not found in any of the several biographies presented by other researchers – though there is almost no documentation for any of the claims put forth. He may have been blind, though this remains contested and considering he built and ran a mill, it does strain credulity to see how a blind man could site a mill, build it, and operate it without being able to see. *The first white child born in the town of Hempstead was soon after this patent. He was named CALEB, a son of JOHN CARMAN born Jan. p, 1645, and he was blind through life.*<sup>2</sup> Alternate options include an older son named CALEB was born blind and died young but that would place the parent's marriage several years earlier, which does not seem plausible (even more absurd is the claim that they had two sons named CALEB that were living at the same time with one being blind – like that makes any sense); another suggestion is that it was his brother JOSHUA who was blind but this requires that someone transcribed that name when the record said CALEB, which, though possible, is questionable and without foundation – on the other hand his brother JOSHUA does seem to have been docile his entire life, not owning land, marrying, having children, etc so it is a possibility. Some maintain that CALEB had a wife named MARY SOUTHARD who may have been CALEB's wife before or after ELIZABETH. If there was a wife named MARY, she had to be an earlier wife as

CALEB's widow ELIZABETH is known to have outlived CALEB by several years. It is possible that the blind son named CALEB was born to MARY with both dying not long after the birth but long enough to discover the newborn was blind. That ELIZABETH's last name was SEAMAN does not have universal agreement and one researcher gives his wife's name as HANNAH SEAMAN which does not stand up under scrutiny as her name appears marrying into the family in a later generation. CALEB's father was JOHN CARMAN, who was an original patentee of Hempstead and he was still living on his 180-acre farm in 1685. He may have been one of the forty or so to accompany LADY DEBORAH MOODY and her son SIR HENRY MOODY when they left Lynn, Massachusetts. *Our* JOHN seems to be too old, dying before 1690, to be the brother named in the Will of CALEB CARMAN that is detailed next and as *our* CALEB died in 1693, we can eliminate *our* JOHN as being the father.<sup>3</sup> The presence of more CALEB's does not help to achieve clarity with this family but, suffice it to say that *our* CALEB (d.1693), the son of JOHN, named a son CALEB thus one *Senior-Junior* pair was created; a brother of JOHN seems to have named a son CALEB (d.1729) and it was he who signed the Will. This second CALEB died much too late (1729, 30 years later) to be JOHN's brother, and he named a son CALEB (thinking of a different name was too taxing) thus a second *Senior-Junior* pair was created. CALEB CARMAN SENIOR of Hempstead signed his Will on 9 September 1720. He left his moveable estate to his widow and upon remarriage this devolved upon his daughters; he did not name his daughters or said how many he had. His real estate was divided between three sons: he left a half-share of his meadows at Hicks Neck and Coes Neck in Hempstead and his house and home lot in Hempstead to his son BENJAMIN. This lot was *bounded north by my brother JOHN'S land*. The other half-share of both meadows he left to son SAMUEL. *All my rights of land, divided or undivided*, he left to his three sons CALEB, SAMUEL, and BENJAMIN. The Will was proved 23 October 1729.<sup>4</sup> Despite having many entries on the CARMAN family and having 10 separate entries for GRACE CARMAN, none found on the *Long Island Surnames* (longislandsurnames.com) website names GRACE's parents.

On 4 November 1695 his ear mark was recorded: *a flour de leuse (fleur-de-lis) one the Right eare and a latch undear the Left eare*.<sup>5</sup> This was the same as his father's ear mark with an added mark on the left ear. They lived on the north third of the SOUTHARD homestead which JOHN was awarded in the 1706 court settlement; this was passed to their second son JOSEPH. The "JOHN SOUTHWARD" listed as a sergeant in the 1738 Queens County Militia under command of CAPTAIN JACOB HICKS is probably this person. Four known children from this marriage.

#### Issue

- 1) JOHN SOUTHARD, JUNIOR: born about 1692 in Hempstead; was a member of the 1738 Queens County Militia with his father. Married HANNAH circa 1724. May have predeceased father as north third of SOUTHARD homestead passed to next younger brother JOSEPH. 3 children:
  - a) GLORIANA SOUTHARD: born about 1726
  - b) JOHN SOUTHARD, III: born about 1727
  - c) ABRAHAM SOUTHARD: born about 1728. He and wife SUSANNAH moved to Barnegat, NJ by 1750.

- 2) **JOSEPH SOUTHARD**: born about 1698 in Hempstead; married in Hempstead on 23 December 1737 to **CHIENCHE BARENTSE** (anglicized to CATHERINE BARNES; born 1710, Jamaica, NY, daughter of JAN and ANTJE BARENTSE) [Continued in separate file]
- 3) **CALEB SOUTHARD**: born about 1700; married 31 July 1732 in St. George's Church, Hempstead to CHARITY BEAT. Owned a farm on Coe's Neck, Hempstead next to one owned by his brother JOSEPH. CALEB sold the Coe's Neck farm on 15 December 1752 and is thought to have moved across Long Island Sound to New Haven for about a decade before moving to Manahawkin, NJ becoming one of the progenitors of the SOUTHARD family in southern New Jersey. CALEB died in Stafford Township, Monmouth (now Ocean) County 1780-83. [See POTTER, p. 126 for descendants]
- 4) **SOLOMON SOUTHARD**: born about 1703; married 31 July 1732 in St. George's Church, Hempstead to PHOEBE WOOD. [See POTTER, p. 23 for descendants]

#### Endnotes

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- <sup>1</sup> Family Group Record: John Southard (LM1T-XM2), Caleb Carman (LKB4-J3Z), and John Carman (LKPL-YTC); FamilySearch.org (Intellectual Reserve, Inc., 2013). Content accuracy has not been verified by author.
  - <sup>2</sup> Charles B. Moore. The Early History of Hempstead (NY: Trow's Printing and Bookbinding; 1879) 6
  - <sup>3</sup> *supra*. Moore. History of Hempstead, 7-12.
  - <sup>4</sup> Collections of the New York Historical Society for the Year 1902. "Abstracts of Unrecorded Wills Prior to 1790 on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York, Volume XI (New York; 1903) 148.
  - <sup>5</sup> Records of the Towns of North and South Hempstead Long Island, N.Y., Volume I; ed: Benjamin Hicks (Jamaica, NY: 1896) 218.